

## **Hip Replacement Surgeon Volume Comments**

General Surgeon Volume Comments for all hospitals

Falmouth Hospital  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Mount Auburn Hospital  
Saints Memorial Medical Center

### **Falmouth Hospital**

Volume understated by 35% (EOHHS 85, FH 131)

### **Massachusetts General Hospital**

The data shown here, following the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) definition, provide a view of a particular subset of surgeries – those for osteoarthritis, the most common reason for hip replacement. There are a number of procedures done for other reasons, however: trauma and fractures, osteoporosis, revision of a previous hip replacement, or bone cancer. At this hospital, in FY 2004 there were 230 of hip replacements for these other reasons, beyond the 479 shown for osteoarthritis.

Because of the specialized and complex nature of revisions of previous joint replacement surgeries, we suggest that in future reporting original procedures and revisions be shown separately.

### **Mount Auburn Hospital**

Mount Auburn performs many more hip replacements for reasons other than osteoarthritis such as such as trauma fractures, pathological fractures and osteoporosis which are not identified in this report based on the methodology used.

### **Saints Memorial Medical Center**

This analysis does not include hip repair or replacement for fracture.